assessment of tiger population is based on determining spatial occupancy of tigers throughout potential tiger forests and sampling such forests using camera traps in a statistical framework. This assessment is not comparable to the earlier total count using pugmarks owing to several shortcomings in the latter.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Reintroduction of tigers in Sariska Tiger Reserve has been planned in accordance with a proposal and commitment received from the State, emanating from a recovery strategy suggested by the Wildlife Institute of India, which, *inter-alia,* involves rehabilitation of villages from the core area. Based on the proposal received from State, an amount of Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been allocated so far in this regard, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger.

National plan of action on climate change

2691. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the National Plan of Action on Climate change is going to be released and the emphasis his Ministry is giving in that;

(b) whether there are any plans before his Ministry for linking all academic institutions that work on climate change;

(c) if yes, the details of (a) and (b) above.

(d) whether any key knowledge institution have been identified apart from (b) above to make them the centres of excellence in climate change related research; and

(e) if so, the details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) A high level coordination committee chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister called "Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change to coordinate National action for assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change" was constituted on 6th June, 2007. In the meeting held on 13th July, 2007, it has been deci ded to prepare and finalise 'India's Climate Change Action Programme' early.

The action programme proposes to identify and strengthen a network of knowledge institutions. This will also include the University system to become partner Institutions in the agenda for climate change.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Global study of Indian rivers

2692. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether world wildlife forum has conducted global study in regard to Indian rivers and has expressed concern on the process of drying these rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard so far and the success made by Government as a result thereof?